Ventura County Sheriff's Department

— 1980 Annual Report —

AL JALATY
SHERIFF

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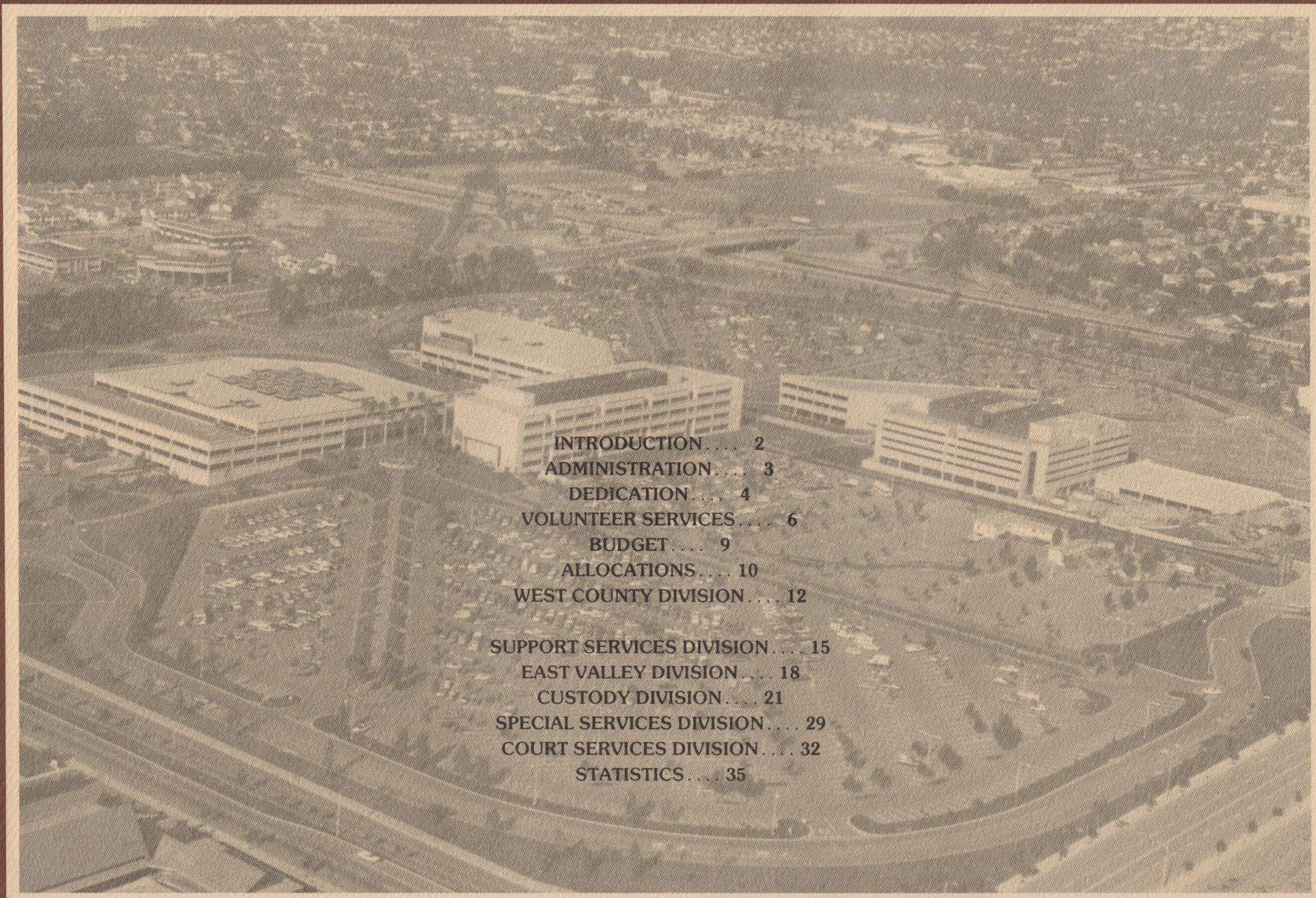

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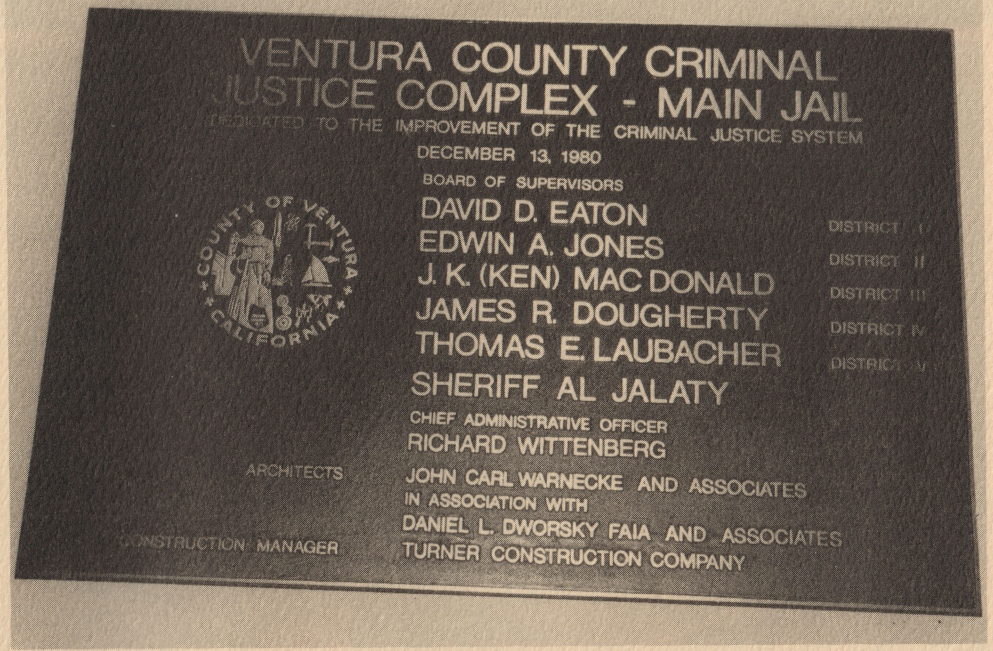
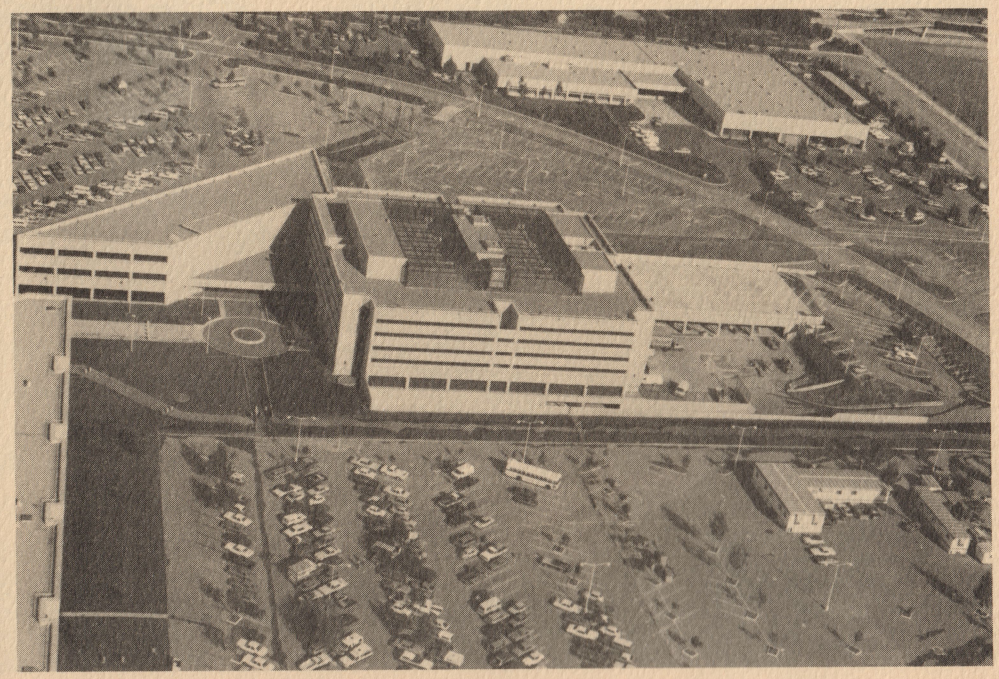
Introduction

LOOKING AHEAD . . .

This Annual Report represents, perhaps more than any other, a year which has brought dramatic and significant growth to this Department. The year 1980 saw the culmination of several years of intensive planning and effort in the completion of the new Sheriff's Office and Jail—1980 marked the merger of the County Marshal's Office into the Sheriff's Office and also witnessed the annexation of the City of Ojai Police Department. Considering only these events would certainly make an impressive statement. However, though all involved in these achievements are justly proud, each recognizes that in order to keep pace with the demands placed on law enforcement today we cannot rest on past accomplishments. We will continue to look ahead in an effort to find better, more effective, and more efficient ways to serve the citizens of Ventura County.





Administration

AL JALATY, SHERIFF

JOHN GILLESPIE, UNDERSHERIFF

ROGER HOXMEIER, EXECUTIVE COMMANDER

Dedication

This Department is indeed fortunate to count among its members many private citizens who give unselfishly of their time and talent in an effort to contribute to the betterment of the community in which they live. These individuals come from every walk of life. Each of them has to contend with the many duties, problems, and frustrations of their individual homes, families and jobs. In addition, each of them has taken on the added responsibility of service to their fellow citizens.

They not only donate their services in actual law enforcement and rescue situations, they spend many hours in both classroom and field training. Were it not for their dedication, bravery, and loyalty, a difficult job would be made much more so.

We are proud of each of these men and women and grateful for their spirit. In sincere appreciation of their efforts we dedicate this 1980 Sheriff's Annual Report.

Volunteer Services

SEARCH AND RESCUE

This unit is comprised of 102 volunteers, both men and women. They are divided into three teams, each having special expertise in a particular area.

MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD

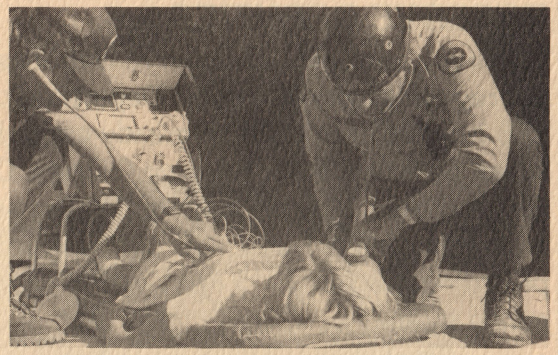
The Medical Advisory Board, which consists of doctors, nurses, and other medical personnel provides on-sight medical assistance to victims of back-County accidents, natural disasters, or other circumstances where immediate emergency medical assistance is necessary.

MOUNTAIN TEAM

The Mountain Team has special rescue talents in tracking, cliff rescue techniques and extended search.

UNDERWATER TEAM

The Underwater Team is manned by highly trained scuba divers whose major responsibility include search and rescue operations in all aquatic environments within the County.



Volunteer Services

RESERVE DEPUTIES

There are currently 47 Reserve Deputies working alongside the regular Deputies on this Department. Each has completed a 286-hour academy which greatly exceeds the curriculum established by P.O.S.T. for Reserve Officers. Our Reserve Deputies devoted over 10,000 hours to this Department in 1980. They are an invaluable source of support to our patrol efforts, as well as providing additional manpower during special events or emergency situations.

SHERIFF'S MOUNTED POSSE

The Sheriff's Mounted Posse supports the land search and rescue teams from horseback in areas of the County where the use of a horse is needed. In addition to their assistance during search and rescue operations, this group represents the Department as a mounted contingent during parades in and outside of our County.

EXPLORERS

There are two Sheriff's Explorer Posts within the County. One is in the City of Camarillo at the Sheriff's facility and the second in the East Valley Sheriff's Station. The members of these posts are made up of young men and women between the ages of 15 and 21 years, who are interested in becoming involved in their communities, learning more about the criminal justice system, or who plan to make law enforcement their profession. The Ventura Sheriff's Department sponsors this program, which is chartered by the Boy Scouts of America, and provides the training and supervision for all activities. These activities include assisting Sheriff's personnel in the performance of their duties; participating in traffic control, search and rescue operations; and observation of regular patrol and Department duties. There is presently a combined total of thirty Explorers actively involved in the program.

Volunteer Services

CAMARILLO POLICE C.B. PATROL TEAM

This group is comprised of thirty-six Camarillo area residents who devote their own time and vehicles in service to the City of Camarillo and its police department. Through the use of their C.B. radios they are able to communicate their observations regarding suspicious circumstances or criminal activity within the City to deputies on patrol. Often this greatly increases response time and also provides additional lines of communication between the public and the Department. The C.B. Patrol Team has received instruction in first aid, C.P.R., and other related topics. In 1980 these citizens drove 3,042 miles and logged "in service" time totaling 974 hours.

DEPUTIES' WIVES CLUB

This group does its utmost to lend assistance in any way possible to Department events and projects. Recently they were a most welcome addition to regular personnel during the opening of the new Sheriff's building and jail. Each of these ladies has a direct interest in the Sheriff's Department through her husband. Each possesses a great deal of knowledge about the Department and how it relates to the community. All were most helpful in answering questions and directing the public through our new building. Each one should be commended for her individual commitment to this Department and its image.

LAWYERS' WIVES CLUB

The Sheriff's Department would like to thank the Lawyers' Wives for their interest and participation in the opening of the new headquarters and jail. Through their efforts, the public tours of the new jail facility were conducted smoothly and efficiently. In addition to lending assistance with this project, they provide other ongoing volunteer services related to the criminal justice community. One of these services provides school and youth groups with tours of the Municipal and Superior Courts. This Department is most sincere in again saying thank you to each of them.

Budget

MANAGER-AGENCY FISCAL SERVICES

Under the general direction of the Sheriff and Undersheriff, responsible for the administration of all fiscal and financial functions of the Sheriff's Department. Further, responsible for the development of Department-wide, long-range planning efforts related to fiscal, legislative and automation approaches in the delivery of law enforcement services.

Representative fiscal and financial services include:

- Development and administration of Sheriff's Departmental operating budget ($26 million/ 729 employees) and capitol project budget.
- Direct line supervision over Department business office (accounts payable, accounts receivable, payroll, etc.).
- Development and administration of management information reports to command staff.
- Preparation of Departmental special studies and weekly agenda (Board of Supervisors) review.

STEVEN KIPP

BUSINESS OFFICE

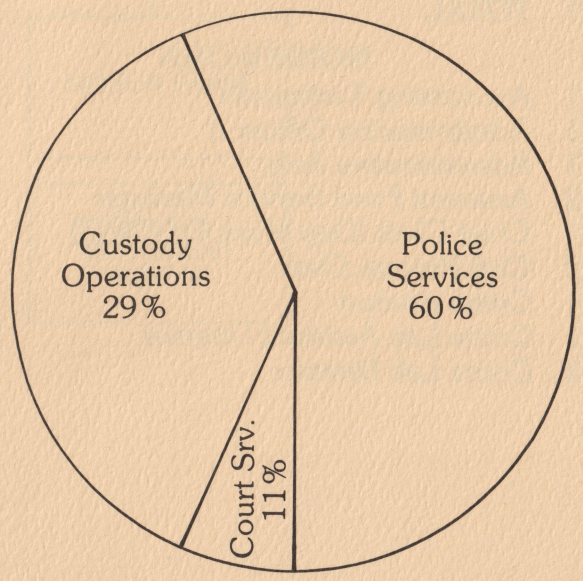
This office is the processing center for the Department's financial activities including purchase requisitions, accounts payable, payroll, revenues, budget control and inmate accounts.

WILLIAM FREDRICKS

BUDGET

(Fiscal Year 1980-81 Final Budget Appropriations)

• POLICE SERVICES	
– Sheriff Administration	$ 277,600
– Support Services	1,830,600
– East Valley Operations	5,518,400
– West County Operations	4,955,100
– Special Services	2,917,700
Subtotal	$15,499,400
• COURT SERVICES	$ 2,790,700
• CUSTODY OPERATIONS	$ 7,311,000
TOTAL DEPARTMENT	$25,601,100



ALLOCATIONS
31 DECEMBER 1980

SWORN

Number	Classification
1	Sheriff
1	Undersheriff
1	Executive Commander
1	Chief, Court Services
6	Commanders
28	Lieutenants
57	Sergeants
103	Senior Deputies
287	Deputies
2	Sheriff's Pilots
487	TOTAL

NON-SWORN

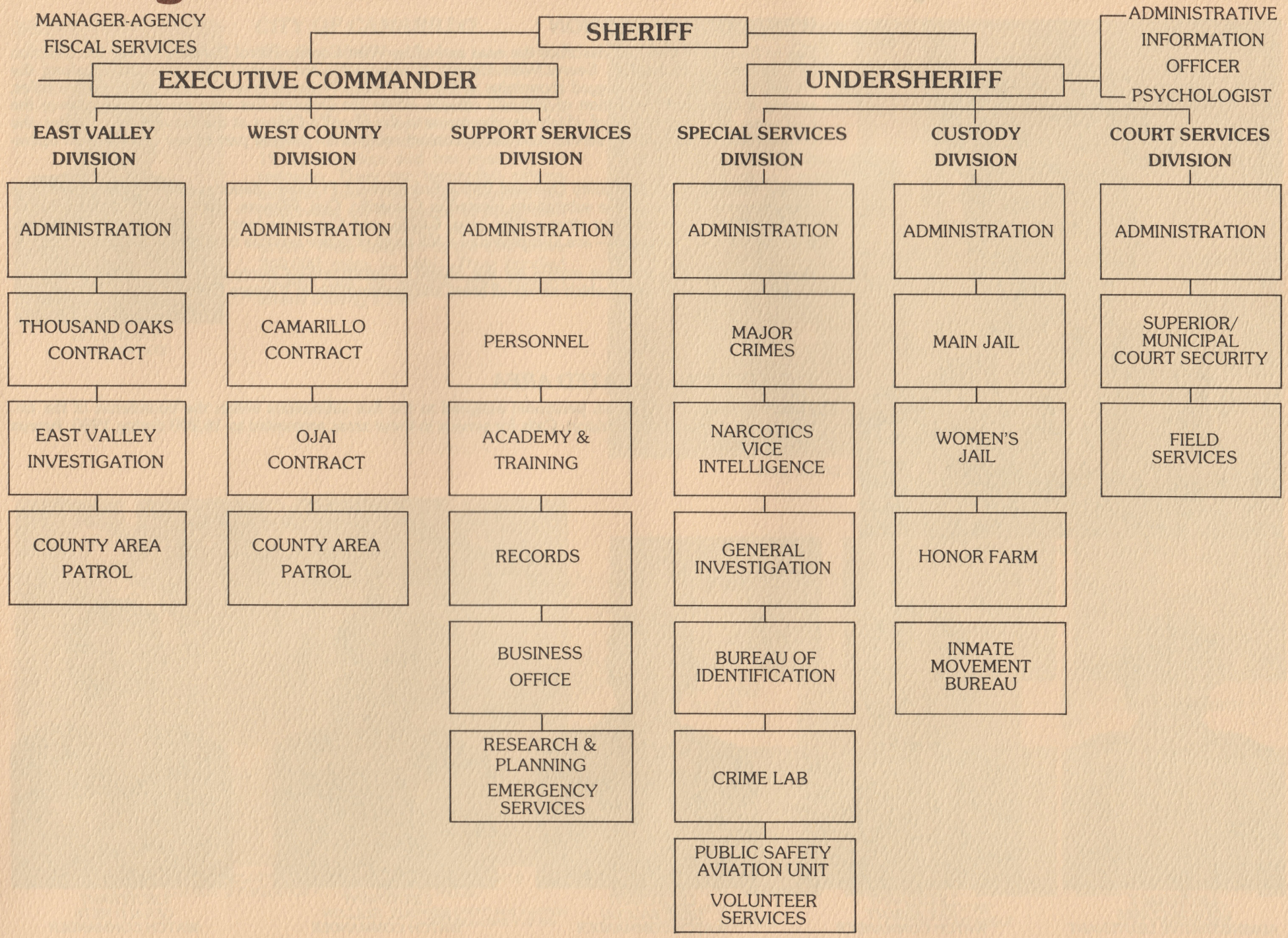
Number	Classification
1	Accounting Technician
1	Administrative Officer II
1	Administrative Aide
2	Assistant Food Service Manager
1	Chief Clerk (Dep Muni Crt Clk III)
2	Civil Process Clerk
1	Crime Analyst
1	Crime Lab Assistant Director
1	Crime Lab Director

NON-SWORN

Number	Classification
1	Criminalist II
4	Criminalists III
1	Emergency Services Information Specialist
1	Executive Secretary
1	Fingerprint Technician
1	Food Services Supervisor
20	Inmate Records Technician
25	Intermediate Typist Clerks
17	Jail Cook
1	Manager-Agency Fiscal Services
1	Photo Lab Supervisor
25	Radio Dispatchers
4	Secretaries
2	Senior Account Clerks
6	Senior Civil Process Clerks
11	Senior Clerks
2	Senior Criminalists
1	Senior Information Systems Analyst
5	Senior Inmate Records Technician
3	Senior Radio Dispatchers
4	Senior Secretaries
9	Senior Typist Clerks
12	Sheriff's Cadets
63	Sheriff's Service Technicians
1	Statistical Clerk
2	Stock Clerk II
1	Storekeeper
1	Supervising Account Clerk
3	Supervising Clerk I
1	Supervising Clerk II
1	Supervising Inmate Records Clerk

	SWORN	NON-SWORN
Office of the Sheriff	3	3
Support Services Division	17	36
West County Division	106	21
East Valley Division	116	29
Special Services Division	45	22
Custody Division	134	115
Court Services Division	66	16
Department Total	487	242

Organizational Chart



West County Division

COMMANDER RICHARD SEERY

WEST COUNTY DIVISION

Sea to Summit — that best describes the area served by West County Patrol Division. Under the direction of Commander Richard P. Seery, West County is responsible for general law enforcement along the County's coastline to the rugged mountains of the Los Padres National Forest — over 1,500 square miles, serving a combined population of 105,525 citizens. While the Division has seen many changes over the past years, the most recent of which was the move to the Sheriff's Offices at the Government Center, the commitment to community service and public contact remains an integral part of law enforcement operations.

Today, through the Community Oriented Police Enforcement Program, deputies serve the citizens of the many communities from five substations located in Camarillo, Ojai, Fillmore, Ventura and Lockwood Valley. In addition, two contract cities — Ojai (pop. 6,425), and Camarillo (pop. 37,500, one of the fastest growing cities in California) — are also provided a full array of police services through the division.

West County is also the base station for the Sheriff's Department's County-wide radio network, and for central ambulance dispatch which serves all areas and communities in Ventura County.

THE UNINCORPORATED AREA

There are seventy-one sworn personnel assigned to the five substations within the boundaries of the unincorporated area of this Division. Calls for service in these areas amounted to 16,200 during 1980. Arrests totaled 3,500.

LIEUTENANT
LOUIS McCOMBS
ADMINISTRATIVE LIEUTENANT

LIEUTENANT
RAY ABBOTT
WATCH COMMANDER

LIEUTENANT
GENE BASCOU
WATCH COMMANDER

LIEUTENANT
MICHAEL GULLON
WATCH COMMANDER

LIEUTENANT
GERALD METS
WATCH COMMANDER

City of Camarillo

LIEUTENANT
JAMES KOONTZ

CITY OF CAMARILLO

The City of Camarillo has been served on a contract basis by the Sheriff's Department since 1965. This station is located at 67 Palm Drive, Camarillo, and is directed by Lieutenant James Koontz. The City covers approximately 18 square miles and has over 37,500 residents. There are twenty-five officers assigned here. These City Deputies are responsible for the patrol of more than 135 miles of primary and secondary streets. Units assigned to the City drove 340,000 miles in 1980. They handled 10,300 calls for service, and effected arrests totaling 1,190.

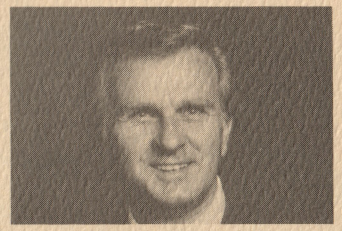
SAFE CONCLUSION TO ROBBERY/HOSTAGE SITUATION

(BOB DAWSON
CAMARILLO DAILY NEWS)

CAMARILLO SCHOOL CHILDREN CROWD IN TO OBSERVE EXHIBITS DURING SHERIFF'S PROGRAM AT DESCANSO SCHOOL.

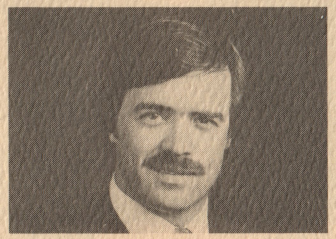
(PHOTO CREDIT BOB DAWSON
CAMARILLO DAILY NEWS)

MARY GAYLE
MAYOR



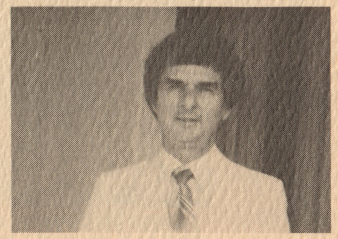
RON McCONVILE
VICE-MAYOR

F. B. ESTY
COUNCIL MEMBER



MIKE MORGAN
COUNCIL MEMBER

ROD MOORE
COUNCIL MEMBER



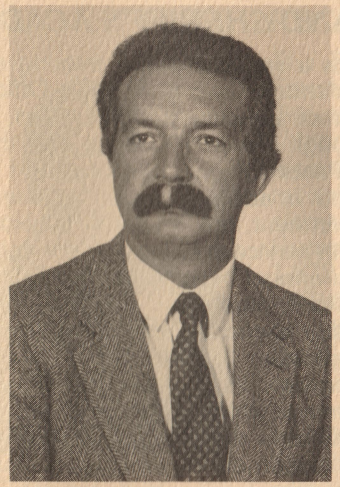
TOM OGLESBY
CITY MANAGER

Support Services Division

COMMANDER
ALBERT MILLER

SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

Commander Al Miller heads this division which serves a most important role within the framework of the Department. As its name implies, this division provides the supportive services without which a modern police agency could not function. The demand for active recruitment of personnel, the finalizing of the yearly budget, long-range planning and research, training, operation of the criminal records bureau and business office are all coordinated through this division.



DR. RANDOLPH NUTTER

PSYCHOLOGIST

Dr. Randolph Nutter is involved in the hiring of all prospective Deputy Sheriff applicants as well as certain other candidates through the initial preemployment screening process. In addition to this role, he also specializes in individual psychotherapy, family therapy and psychological evaluations. Particular emphasis is placed on working with stress related problems in law enforcement personnel. Psychological counseling is provided to every member of the Ventura County Sheriff's Department, or dependent, free of charge.

LIEUTENANT
LARRY CARPENTER

PERSONNEL BUREAU

Lt. Larry Carpenter heads this bureau which handles the recruitment and hiring of all sworn and civilian personnel as well as preemployment background investigations and internal affairs matters. Also within this bureau comes the responsbility for the inventory and control of millions of dollars worth of vehicles, radios, weapons and equipment, as well as the dissemination of Department policies and procedures.

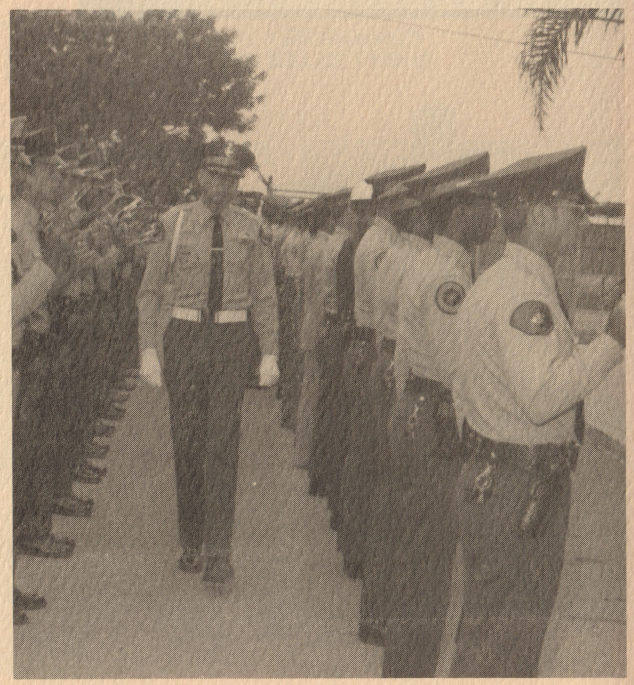
APPLICANTS FOR DEPUTY SHERIFF
DURING INITIAL PHYSICAL AGILITY TESTS.

Ventura County Police and Sheriff's Academy

LIEUTENANT
STEVEN GILES

POLICE AND SHERIFF'S ACADEMY

This facility is a regional police training academy run by the Ventura County Sheriff's Office under the direction of Lieutenant Steve Giles. It is accredited through Ventura College and the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training in Sacramento. In addition to training new deputies for this Department, the academy is also responsible for all in-service training. This training is required on an annual basis by various State legislation and P.O.S.T. regulation. The academy is also utilized by other agencies thus making the program more cost effective for all. Also located at the academy is a new video tape and closed circuit television system which provides some very exciting possibilities in the areas of in-service training and communication during emergency situations.



LIEUTENANT
GARY MARKLEY

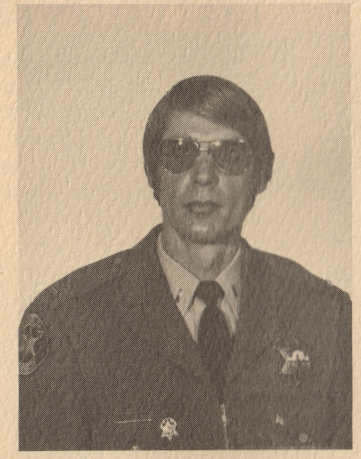
ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION OFFICER

Communication between all personnel within the Department is of primary importance. To further this goal Lieutenant Gary Markley has been assigned the task of developing an ongoing internal communications system. The Department administration views communication as a free and accurate flow of information throughout all levels of the Department.

LIEUTENANT
WILLIAM WADE

RESEARCH AND PLANNING

Lieutenant William Wade directs the Research and Planning Bureau which is responsible for the development, examination and evaluation of policies, procedures and programs for Departmental implementation. In this role the Bureau tracks legislation affecting the Department as well as coordinating multi-divisional activities such as grants, major procurements and contract law enforcement. The preparation, coordination and planning for the safety and welfare of the citizens of the County in times of civil disaster or defense is provided by this Bureau's Disaster Services Unit. This unit acts as liaison between local government and the State and Federal Agencies concerned with disaster preparedness, assistance and aid. Requests for reimbursement for eligible costs incurred by the Sheriff during emergency periods are coordinated and submitted by this unit.



LIEUTENANT
MICHAEL FREEMAN

RECORDS BUREAU

The Records Bureau, supervised by Lieutenant Freeman, is the memory bank of the Sheriff's Department and provides all law enforcement in Ventura County with central depository of criminal records. In addition, the Bureau is the central records and information system, it is an essential element of law enforcement of Ventura County. Currently, the Records Bureau houses in excess of 1,872,229 various types of criminal records, as well as corresponding photographs.

In addition to supporting the field operations throughout the County, it serves the Sheriff in planning and controlling activities. The Bureau acts as a general communications center on criminal records on a 24-hour basis. During 1980 alone Sheriff's Deputies filed over 20,000 crime reports with this Bureau.

LIEUTENANT
HENRY CARRILLO

RECRUITMENT TEAM

In order to obtain qualified personnel, the Department has recognized the need for an active and ongoing recruitment program. This detail is directed by Lieutenant Hank Carrillo. Recruitment efforts have generally centered within the County, however, out-of-County campaigns have also been effective. Emphasis is placed on *actively* seeking and developing potential career applicants.

East Valley Division

COMMANDER LARRY KALSBEEK

EAST VALLEY DIVISION

The East Valley Division is under the direction of Commander Larry Kalsbeek. This area encompasses that portion of the County from the top of the Conejo Grade to the Los Angeles County line and totals over 300 square miles. In addition to the unincorporated area, this Division also provides police services to the city of Thousand Oaks. Both City and County deputies work out of the East Valley Substation which is located at 2201 East Olsen Road, Simi Valley. This modern facility houses patrol and investigative services as well as the East Valley Station Records Bureau and Branch Jail facility.

LIEUTENNANT
HASKELL CHANDLER
ADMINISTRATIVE LIEUTENANT

THE UNINCORPORATED AREA

This area covers 250 square miles. The latest population figures reflect 39,662 residents. The deputies working here responded to 10,841 calls for service during 1980 and effected arrests totaling 1,155. There are currently 56 sworn personnel assigned to this unincorporated area. Their responsibilities include patrol and all related investigative functions.

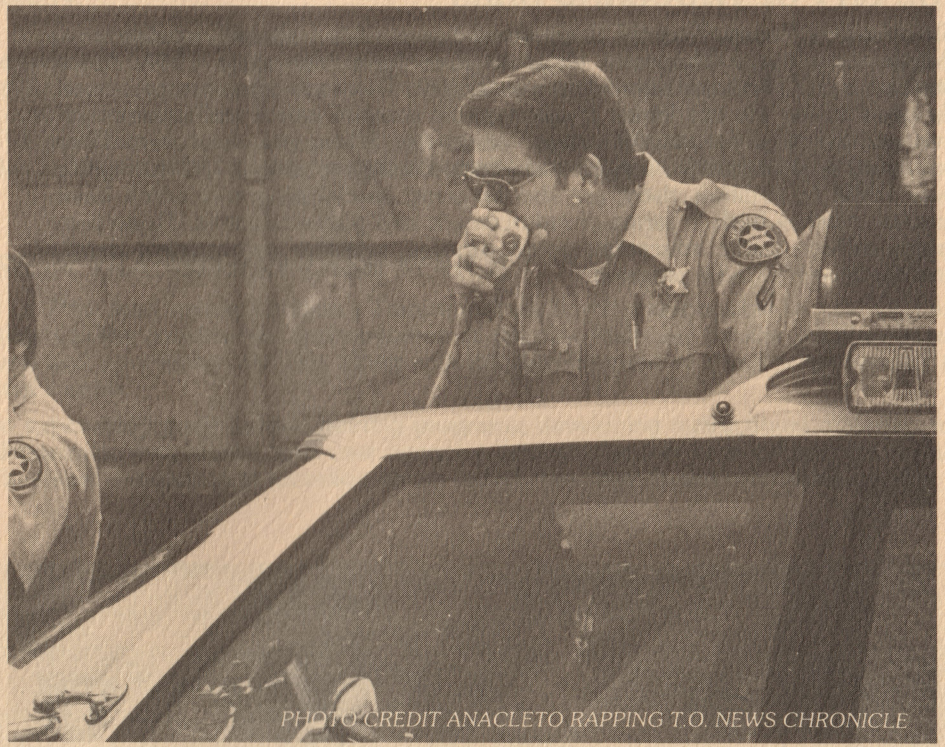
LIEUTENANT
GEORGE CONAHEY
DETECTIVE

LIEUTENANT
ANTHONY DITZHAZY
CRIME PREVENTION

LIEUTENANT
OSCAR FULLER
WATCH COMMANDER

LIEUTENANT
MURRAY McDANIEL
WATCH COMMANDER

LIEUTENANT
PHYLLIS WIGGINS
WATCH COMMANDER



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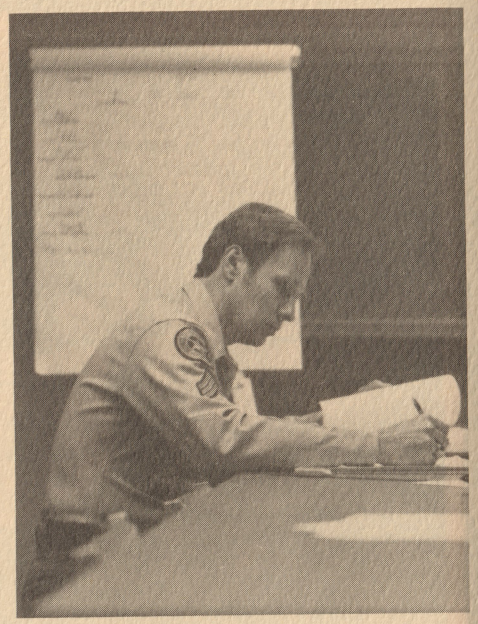
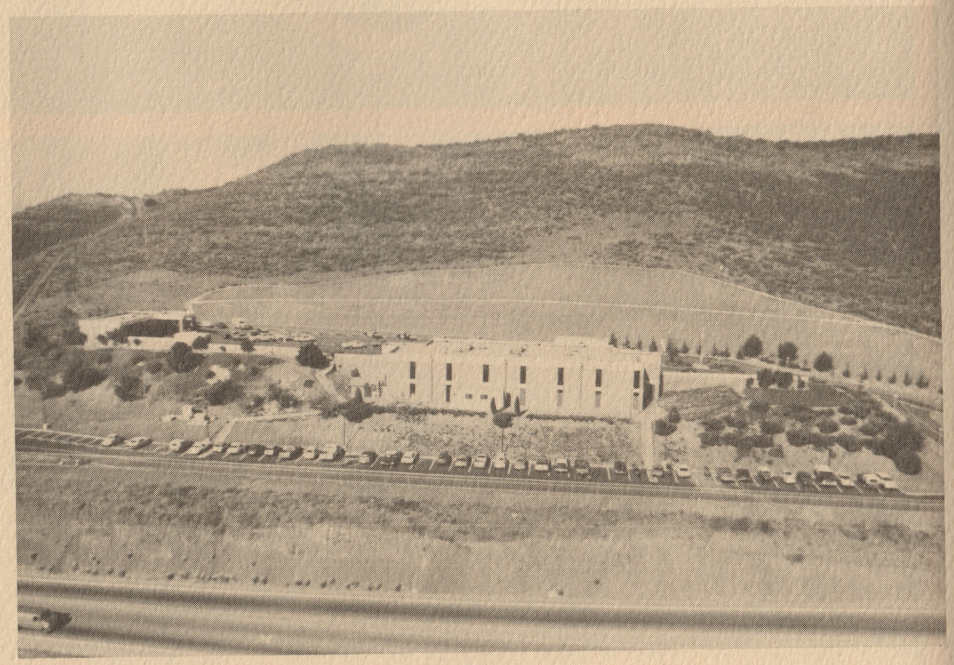
City of Thousand Oaks

THE CITY OF THOUSAND OAKS

The Ventura County Sheriff's Department has provided complete police services to the City of Thousand Oaks on a contract basis since 1964. As of December 31, 1980, the population was 82,011. There are 60 sworn personnel assigned within the city limits. These deputies provide patrol, traffic, investigative and crime prevention functions within this 50 square mile area. They answered 30,138 calls for service and effected arrests totaling 3,750 during the year 1980. In addition, there are also on-going special programs which have proven effective both in terms of enforcement and public relations. These programs include traffic education, youth services, selective enforcement detail, and the Sheriff's Cadet program.



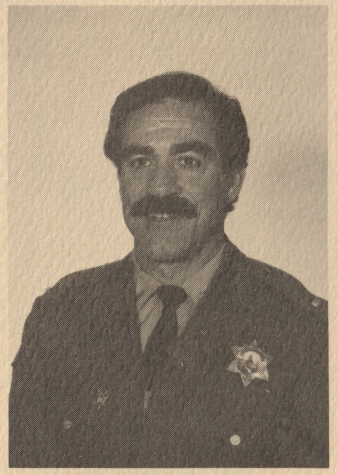
GRANT BRIMHALL, CITY MANAGER, LARRY HORNER, COUNCILMAN, FRANCES PRINCE, COUNCILWOMAN, MADGE SHAEFER, MAYOR, LEE LAXDAL, COUNCILMAN, ALEX FIORE, COUNCILMAN



Custody Division

COMMANDER DENNIS GILLETTE

LIEUTENANT
JOHN BROKUS
ADMINISTRATIVE
LIEUTENANT



LIEUTENANT
MICHAEL PITTS
TRANSITION TASK FORCE

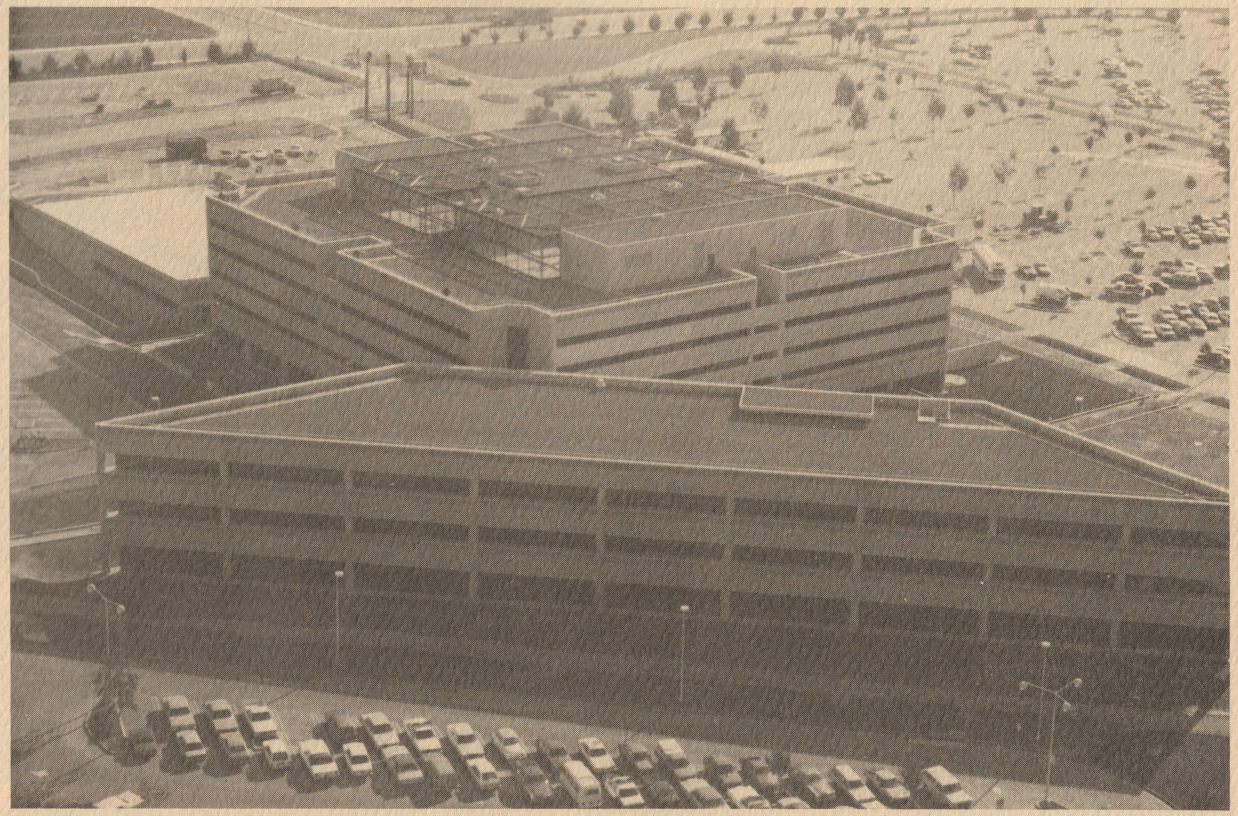
CUSTODY DIVISION

The Custody Division comes under the direction of Commander Dennis Gillette. It is the largest division within the Sheriff's Department both in terms of budget and personnel. Here rests the responsibility for providing a safe, as well as secure, environment for an average daily count of 800 inmates. The completion of the new main jail complex this year has made Ventura County one of the first in the nation to build a "Constitutional" jail. The planning of this facility was long and deliberate. "Prisons are built with stones of law," said William Blake; in Ventura County the new jail complex has been built with the concrete of court decisions.

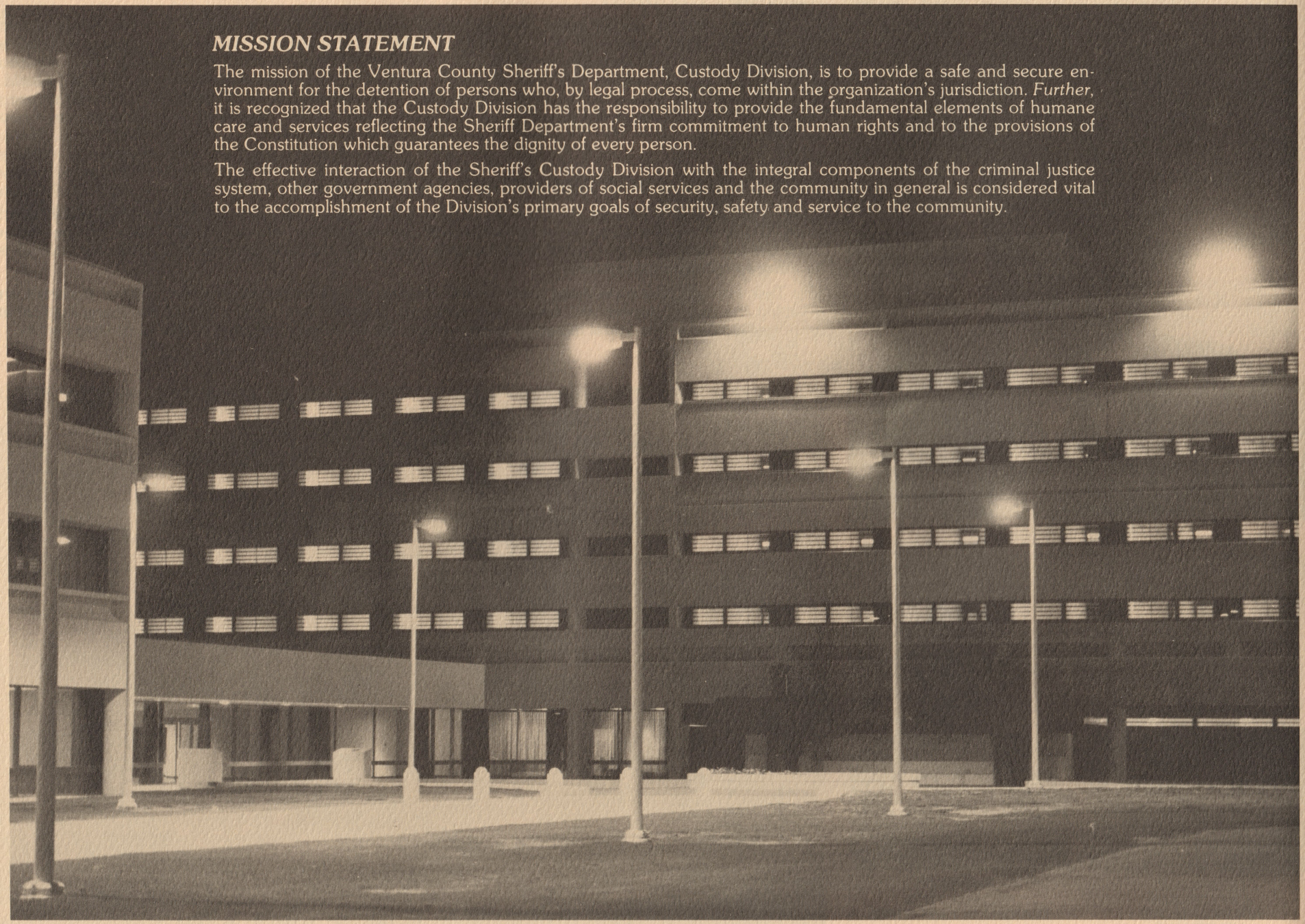
CUSTODY DIVISION TRANSITION TASK FORCE

Under the direction of Lt. Pitts, the Custody Division's Transition Task Force is responsible for planning and policy development related to the construction and operation of the new Main Jail Facility, and has formulated training, procedural and operations manuals, along with the development of a computer assisted jail information management system.

This Task Force is also supervising grant funded training programs, developing instructional materials and orienting the public, department employees, and user agencies through the use of a training curriculum, tours, printed and audio-visual materials in preparation for an orderly transition to this innovative Facility.



Mission Statement



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Ventura County Sheriff's Department, Custody Division, is to provide a safe and secure environment for the detention of persons who, by legal process, come within the organization's jurisdiction. *Further,* it is recognized that the Custody Division has the responsibility to provide the fundamental elements of humane care and services reflecting the Sheriff Department's firm commitment to human rights and to the provisions of the Constitution which guarantees the dignity of every person.

The effective interaction of the Sheriff's Custody Division with the integral components of the criminal justice system, other government agencies, providers of social services and the community in general is considered vital to the accomplishment of the Division's primary goals of security, safety and service to the community.

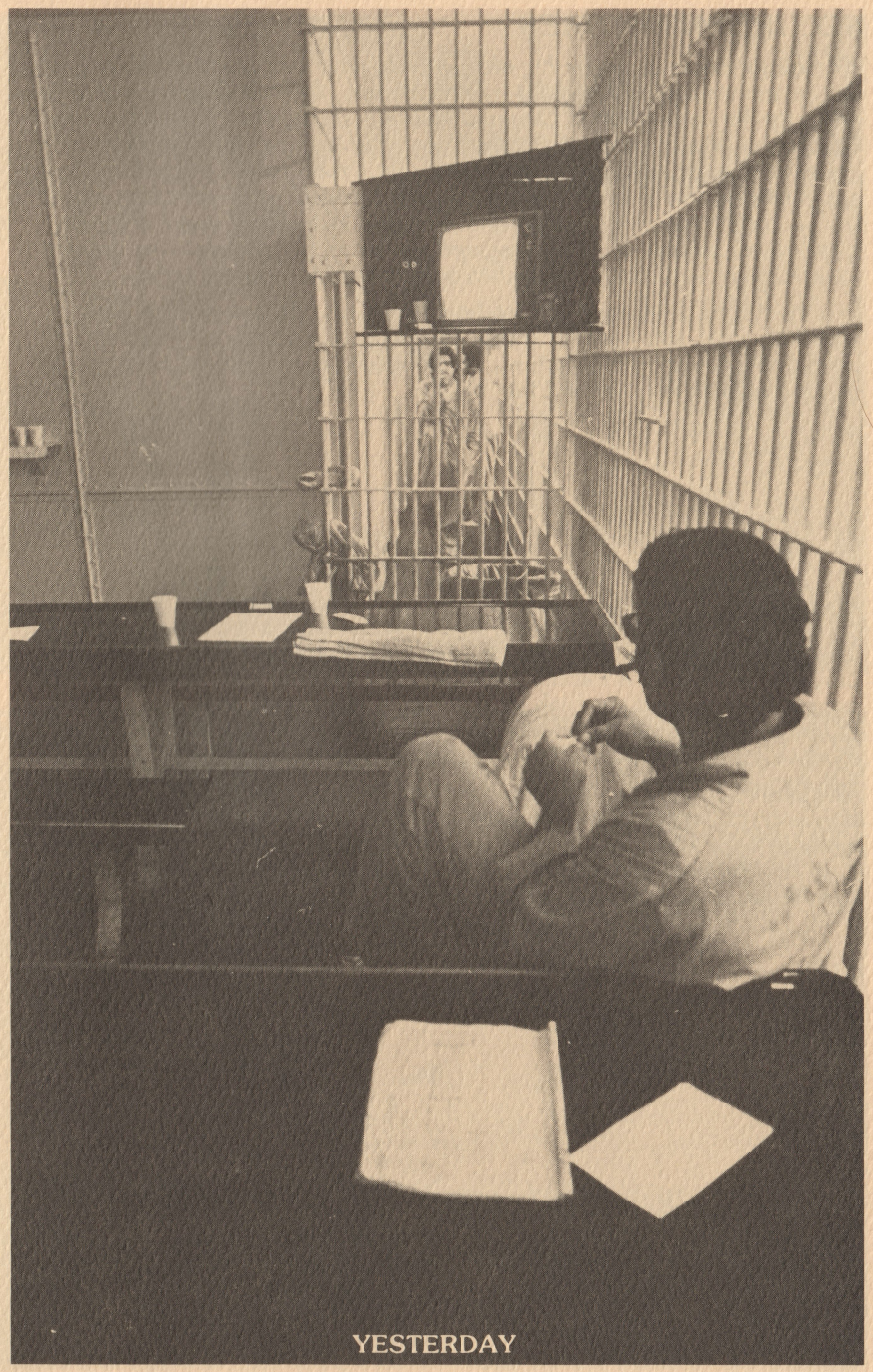
Pre-Trial Detention Facility/Main Jail

LIEUTENANT
ERNEST ROGERS
FACILITY MANAGER

PRE-TRIAL DETENTION FACILITY/ MAIN JAIL (PT/MJ)

The detention area of the Criminal Justice Complex has been officially designated by the Board of Supervisors as the Pre-Trial Detention Facility/Main Jail (PT/MJ). The operation and management of the existing main jail is under the direction of Lieutenant Ernest Rogers. The new facility will be managed by Lieutenant Michael Pitts. The designation and the stated mission of this new facility mark a drastic departure from the traditional concept of a jail as being merely a place where people are "warehoused" and sequestered from the rest of society.

In stark contrast to the physical limitations with which we have been operating in the old jail for the last fifty years, this new facility has the capability of providing a broad range of inmate programs and services and still provide an acceptable level of security for both inmates and staff members.



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PHYSICAL PLANT HIGHLIGHTS

PT/MJ has a total floor area of 220,000 sq. ft. and was constructed at a cost of $22,000,000. The facility has a rated bed space capacity of 436. The total cost of construction for the entire Criminal Justice Complex including design, management and administrative costs of the project is estimated at $38,500,000 financed by a combination of Federal Revenue Sharing funds, State funds, tax levies and earnings from investment of County funds. The housing floors, which are the third and fourth levels of the building, are divided into four (4) quadrants. Each quadrant is further subdivided into four (4) housing sections, each of which has the capacity to house twelve (12) inmates in individual cells. The construction cost per cell has been estimated at $50,000.

The Medical Housing Section consisting of eighteen (18) single cells is located on the second level. It has medical, dental and psychiatric examination rooms which are staffed by County Health Care Agency personnel.

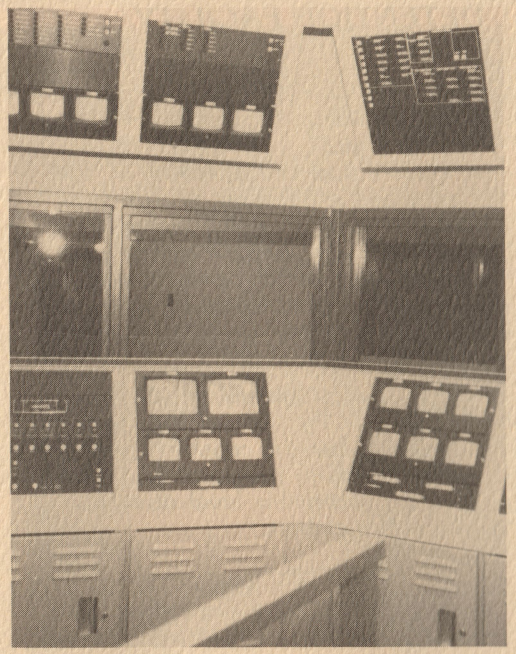
Recreational facilities for basketball, volleyball and handball are located on the roof.

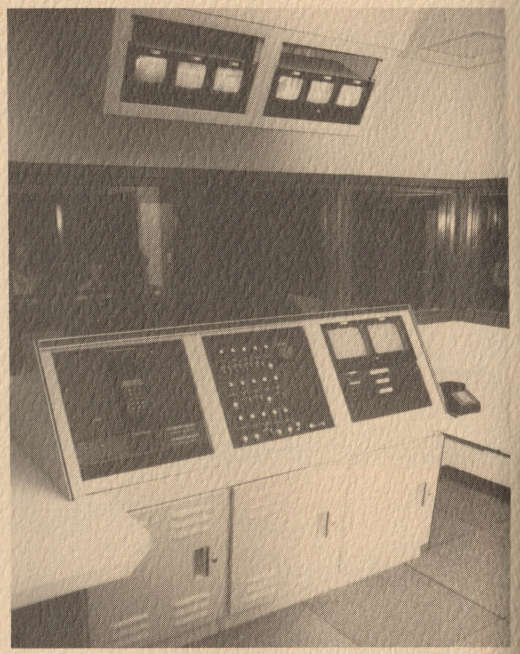
The facility kitchen located on the second level is equipped with modern culinary equipment and capable of turning out 3,000 meals a day.

SECURITY FEATURES

All exterior doors of the facility are remotely operated in a Central Control Room manned by a specially trained deputy. Central Control operates and monitors surveillance cameras, alarm systems and communications equipment which are strategically placed throughout the perimeter, and sensitive interior areas. Central Control's monitoring and control functions are duplicated to a lesser extent in each Level Control which operates the security systems on each level. Inmates in housing areas are monitored by Quadrant Monitors assisted by security deputies who enforce security rules and conduct searches of inmates and housing areas.

The facility, in keeping with modern standards, does not have bars, or watchtowers. Clear security glass, 13/16 of an inch thick, is extensively used throughout the facility both as an observation aid and as a physical barrier between the staff and the inmates.

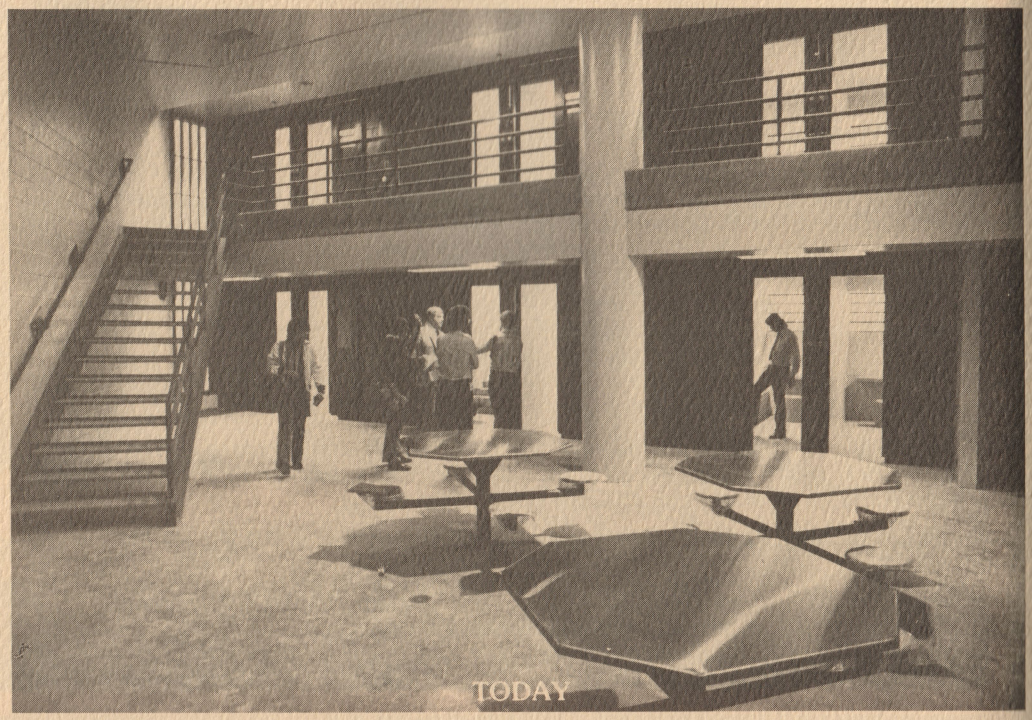




STAFFING

The entire facility is staffed with a total of 161 sworn and civilian employees, headed by a Facility Manager. The security staff to inmate ratio ranges from a daytime high of 1:17 to a graveyard shift low of 1:26. Records and clerical functions are completely civilianized, while leaving most of the inmate handling and supervision duties to sworn personnel.

The physical layout of the building was conceived with one underlying philosophy; that of bringing services to the inmates instead of moving inmates from their living areas to the available services. Incorporation of this philosophy alone into the design of the building has made it possible to maintain a relatively small staff and still provide mandated services.

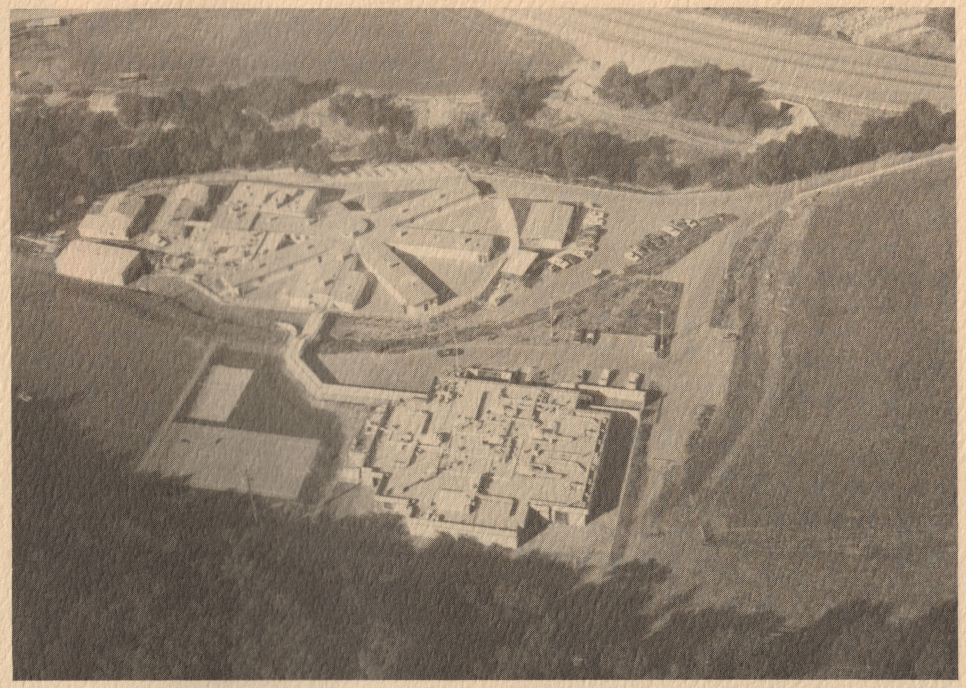


Honor Farm

LIEUTENANT
GEORGE THOMAS

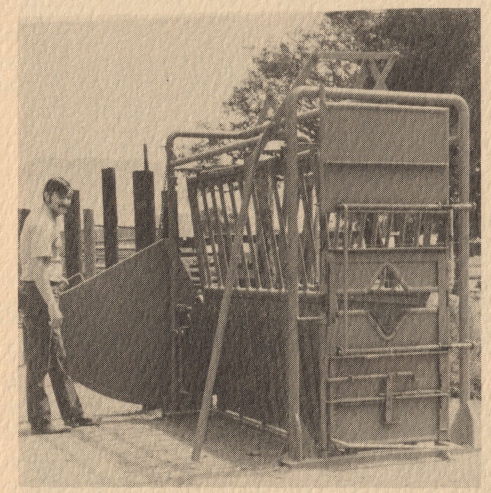
HONOR FARM

The Sheriff's Honor Farm is located on 135 acres in the Ojai Valley. The operation of this facility is directed by Lieutenant George Thomas. It has a total capacity of 260 inmates. These inmates are housed in two separate areas within the facility. The wheel shaped building is occupied by minimum security inmates who, under the supervision of deputies, Sheriff's Service Technicians, and Food Service personnel, work in the kitchen, laundry and farm areas. The other area is a 19,000 square foot facility completed in 1977 and designed to accommodate medium security inmates.



FARM

The farm operation provides a considerable savings to the citizens of Ventura County by raising and processing all of the beef, pork, chicken and rabbit used in the jail system. During the year 1980 alone meat production reached 238,054 pounds. The Honor Farm staff is constantly working to find newer and more efficient ways to manage their swine and cattle herds. At present, emphasis is centered around pork production. Presently the swine herd totals 1,111. Added importance is being placed on the beef production with plans to expand the present herd within the next fiscal year.



KITCHEN

In 1980 the Honor Farm provided 2,400 meals per day from its kitchen facility. These meals were delivered throughout the jail system and totaled 943,657 for the year. In addition to this very large responsibility, the kitchen staff is also charged with providing and delivering necessary meals to deputies and volunteers during search and rescue operations and to crews on the fire lines.

INMATE MOVEMENT BUREAU

Also under the supervision of Lieutenant Ernest Rogers, this Bureau consists of two details: 1) Transportation, and 2) the Hall of Justice Court Holding Facility.

INMATE MOVEMENTS

TO HALL OF JUSTICE
19,700

INTER-FACILITIES
6,105

OUT-OF-COUNTY PICK-UP AND DELIVERY
1,777

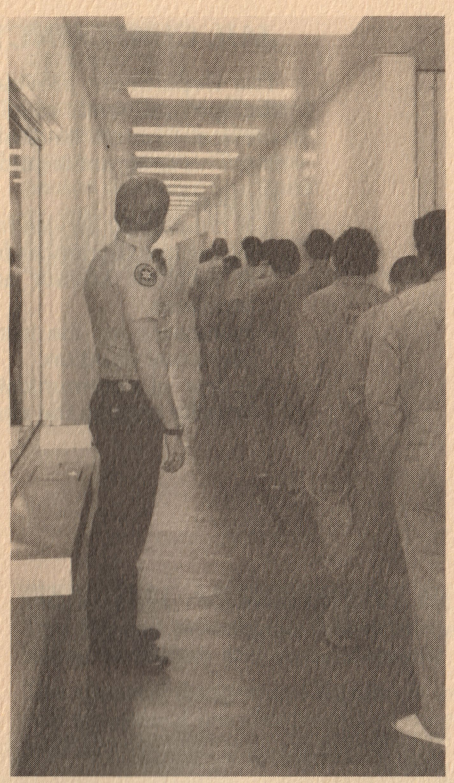
Transportation, also being responsible for the movement of inmates requiring medical attention, moved a total of 15,091 individuals to various clinics, sick call and hospitals.

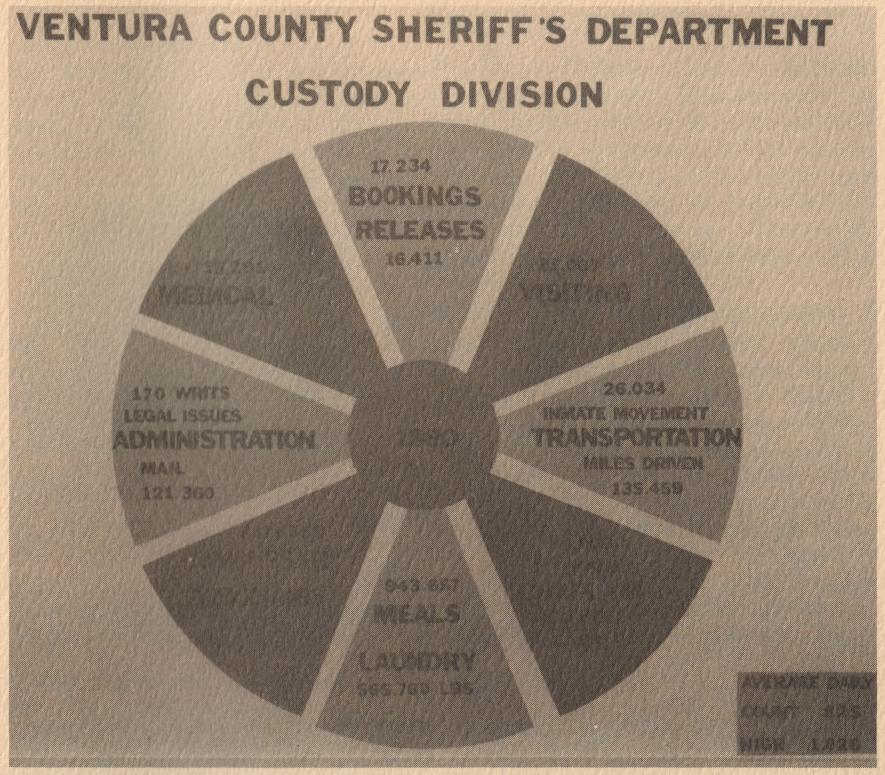
The movement of inmates at the Hall of Justice to the various courts and other pre-arranged legal interviews are as follows:

INMATE MOVEMENTS

FROM COURTS
(Including pre-books and remands)
21,307

TOTAL INMATES
(Including transfers and interviews)
23,170





INMATE SERVICES BUREAU

The Department provides an Inmate Services Director to act as a facilitator of programs and community service activities. The purpose of the Inmate Services Bureau is to realistically assess and effectively respond to the basic human needs of inmates in the areas of education, basic skills, vocational training, recreation, library services and community resources. Inmate Services provides an immediate and on-going bridge for County agencies and organizations to provide services to the inmate, in preparation for the inmate's reintegration into the community.

Programs presently in progress include:

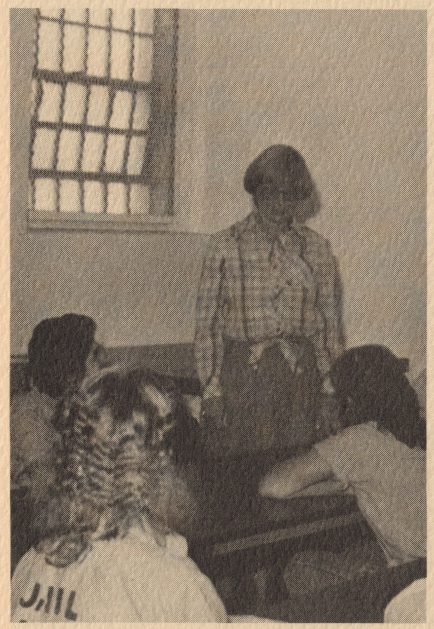
—A construction project at the Honor Farm in which inmates, under the supervision of instructors and sheriff's personnel, are building a new breeding and gestation unit to facilitate expansion of pork production.
—Welding and machinist program.
—G.E.D. preparation program.
—Individual instruction program.
—Math program.
—Women's basic living skills program.
—Community resources program.
—Career inquiry and job preparation program.
—A computerized learning system which provides individual instruction at all levels of academic development—kindergarten through graduate study.

JAIL CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM

The Department provides a Chaplain to direct programs which minister to the spiritual needs of all inmates. It is a Ministry of caring through the Ecumenical Church. Its goal is behavior modification through spiritual awakening. This program is guided by Chaplain William A. Watson.

Purpose:

—A chaplaincy service for the detention facilities.
—Worship experiences for those inmates who desire to worship God.
—A religious advisor and a friend to help inmates with their individual problems.
—Assistance for the inmate in making a reasonable adjustment to a most abnormal situation.
—A line of communication between the church and the inmates to more broadly engage the church in the task of rehabilitation and reconciliation.



BASIC LIVING SKILLS HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA PROGRAM

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION CONSTRUCTION TRAINING

Special Services

COMMANDER
RICHARD BURGESS

SPECIAL SERVICES

Commander Richard Burgess heads this division which encompasses detective functions as well as the Bureau of Identification, Crime Laboratory and Air Unit.

LIEUTENANT
BRADEN McKINLEY

MAJOR CRIMES

The Major Bureau, under the direction of Lieutenant Braden McKinley, investigates felony crimes committed against the person including murder, rape, robbery, kidnapping and felony assaults. Other areas of responsibility include the Bomb Detail, Missing Persons Detail, Forgery and Fraud Detail, Warrants and Fugitive Detail.

The Bureau consists of one Lieutenant, four Sergeants, six Senior Deputy Detectives and a Clerk Typist.

GENERAL ASSIGNMENT BUREAU

This Bureau investigates felony crimes involving property including burglary, grand theft, felony vandalism and embezzlements.

The General Assignment Bureau is under the supervision of the Major Crimes Lieutenant and consists of one Sergeant and nine Senior Deputy Detectives.

DISPOSING OF CONFISCATED FIREWORKS

DETECTIVES, ALONG WITH CRIME LAB PERSONNEL,
EXAMINING SKELETAL REMAINS OF HOMICIDE VICTIM.

LIEUTENANT
RICHARD BRYCE

NARCOTICS

This Bureau is under the direction of Lieutenant Richard Bryce. Its function is the strict enforcement of narcotics laws with emphasis on major trafficking in hard narcotics. This unit works very closely with other narcotics units both within and outside the County. The personnel assigned here are broken into two units—one sergeant and three senior deputies working in the East Valley area and City of Thousand Oaks, and one sergeant and eight senior deputies working in the West County area and other contract cities.

INTELLIGENCE AND VICE

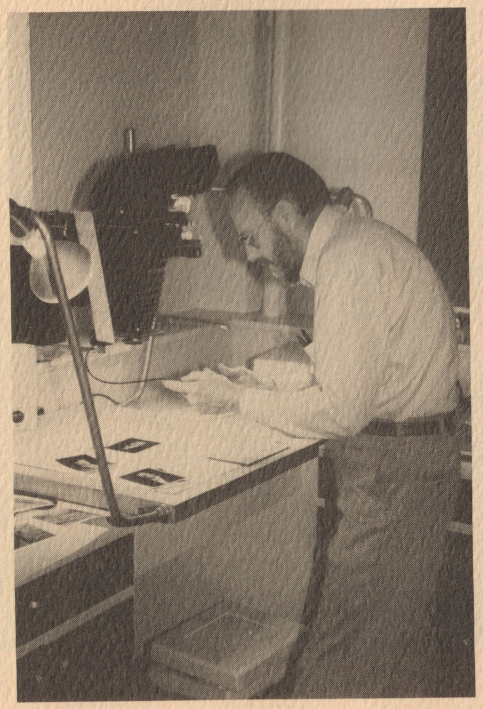
This Bureau is comprised of one sergeant and one senior deputy. It is also under the supervision of the narcotics lieutenant. This unit serves a supportive mission by securing and analyzing highly sensitive intelligence information and keeping the Sheriff informed of organized criminal activities. It is also responsible for enforcement of vice laws throughout the Department's jurisdiction.

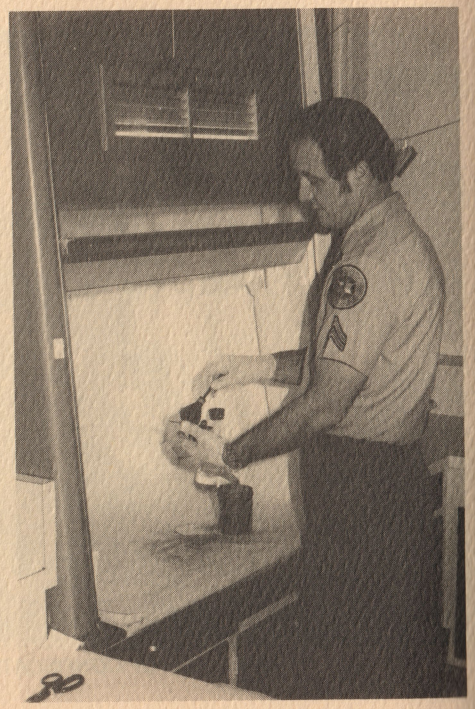
IDENTIFICATION BUREAU

The Bureau of Identification has responsibility for the Department's photo lab, all crime scene photography and the collection of evidence as well as fingerprint comparisons and polygraph examinations. This Bureau consists of one Sergeant, five Senior Deputies, one Fingerprint Technician, one Photo Lab Technician and a Sheriff's Service Technician who works as Property and Evidence Room Custodian.

CRIME LABORATORY

The Sheriff's Department Crime Lab is staffed by a team of forensic scientists specializing in the field of criminalistics. These individuals perform scientific investigation of the evidence collected at crime scenes. They are able to identify unknown substances, blood types and sources, make comparisons of tool markings and paint samples, discover obliterated or altered serial numbers, perform firearm ballistics comparisons and provide handwriting analysis. These and many other technical skills are available to all law enforcement agencies in the County through this regionally-operated lab.

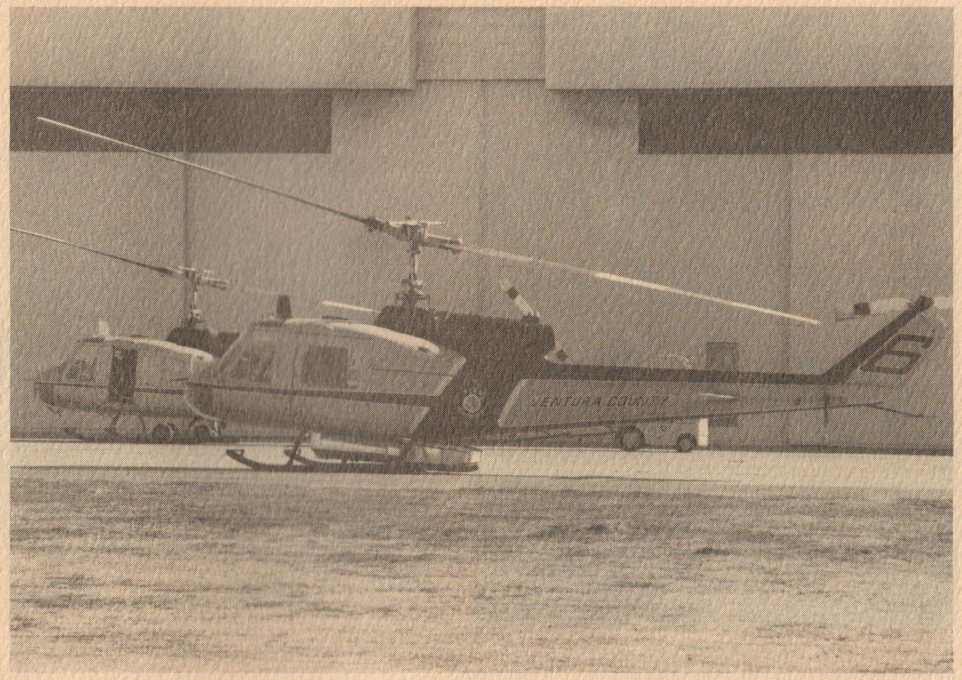


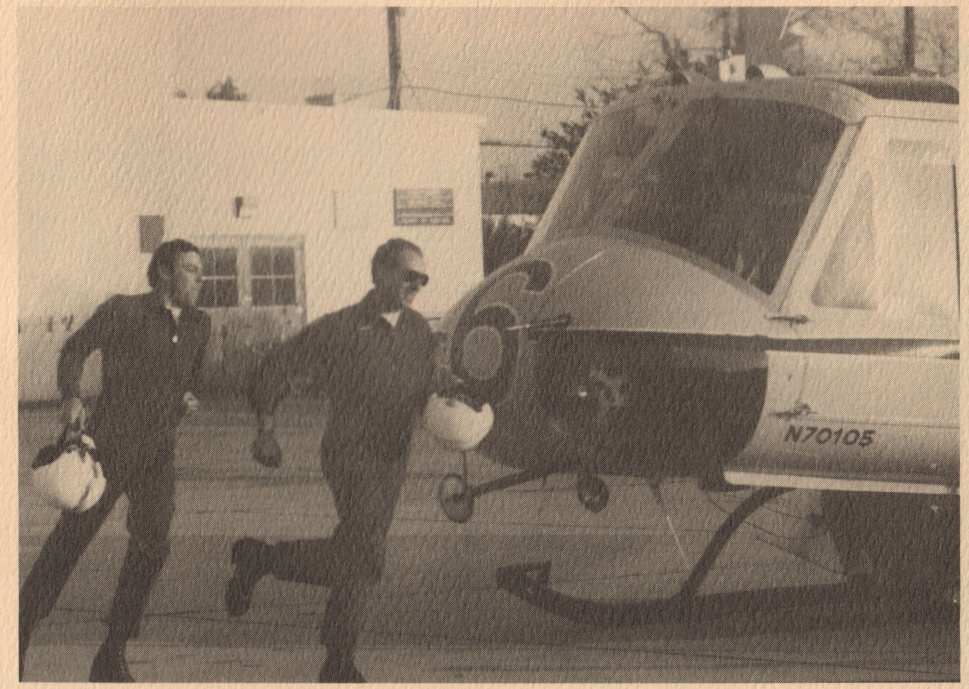


LIEUTENANT MERWYN DOWD

PUBLIC SAFETY AVIATION UNIT

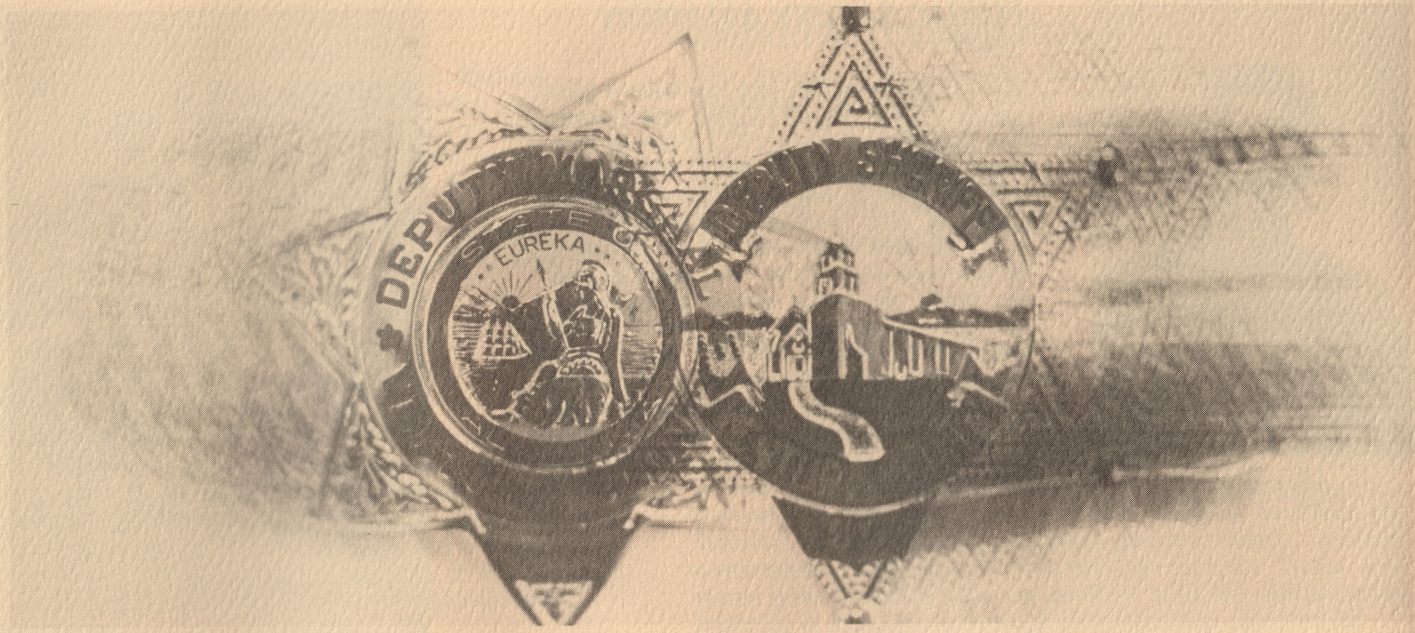
The operation of this unit has been a joint venture of the Sheriff's Office and County Fire Department since 1977. Primary concerns of this unit are search and rescue, criminal search, fire suppression, disaster response and medical evacuations. Because of close teamwork and coordination of men and equipment, both agencies and the public are better served through this joint effort. During the fiscal year 1979-80 this unit responded to 133 search and rescue missions, 21 medical evacuations, 20 natural disaster (flood) missions, 52 crime suppression missions and 103 brush fire missions. Total flight hours added to more than 860.





Court Services Division

CHIEF OF COURT SERVICES
JOHN McINTYRE



COMMANDER
JOHN KINGSLEY

COURT SERVICES DIVISION

This Division was created by the merger of the Ventura County Marshal's Office and the Sheriff's Civil Bureau on 9 October 1980. The Division is under the command of Chief of Court Security John MacIntyre, and Commander John Kingsley. This consolidation represents the efforts of many individuals of both departments, as well as past grand juries, our legislators, judges and County officials. Prior to the merger, both the Marshal's Office and the Sheriff's Civil Bureau had performed similar duties — the Sheriff to the Superior Court and the Marshal to the Municipal Court. The merging of these two offices presents a considerable savings of tax dollars and allows for much greater flexibility in the use and deployment of personnel. This Division consists of eighty-two budgeted positions and is divided into two main bureaus.

LIEUTENANT
DONALD LANQUIST

FIELD SERVICE

This unit, under the direction of Lieutenant Don Lanquist, is charged with the service of civil process throughout the entire County including subpoenas, levys, writs, attachments, garnishments and civil warrants. In addition, this unit includes a criminal warrant detail and also supplies the court O.R. officer who assists the court in bail settings and own recognizance releases.

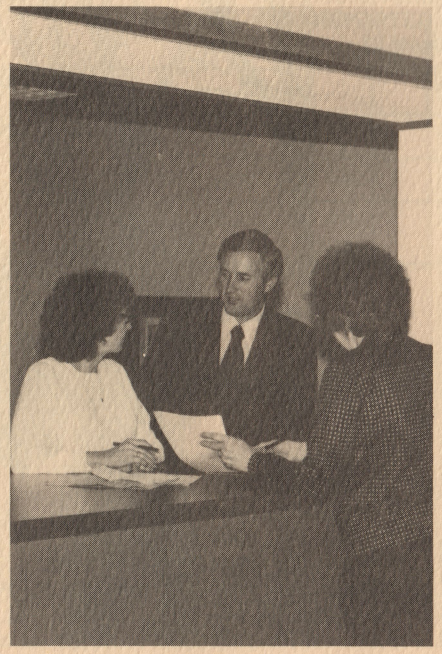
This bureau collects in excess of a quarter of a million dollars a year in fees for the service of the above listed civil process. Money collected for tigants totals over one million per year. The criminal warrant section of this unit. Working together with other divisions of the department has achieved one of the highest clearance rates on warrants within the state.

LIEUTENANT
JOSEPH LEON

COURT SECURITY

This unit is supervised by Lieutenant Joseph Leon. Deputies in this unit provide court security to both the Superior and Municipal Courts, either by acting as bailiffs or as court security officers in charge of prisoners during trials and other court proceedings.

The concept of providing these services to the entire County Court System from one agency is a new and innovative step forward. Ventura is one of the first counties to institute such a plan.



Special Weapons and Tactics Team

SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS TEAM

The Special Weapons and Tactics Team provides a group of trained, sworn personnel to be utilized in those instances where disciplined teamwork and specialized weapons and tactical skills are required to cope with and resolve law enforcement incidents that are high risk in nature.

The Special Weapons and Tactics Team's primary responsibility is to the Department's needs; however, it is available to respond to requests for assistance by any police agency in Ventura County.

Statistics

STATISTICS

Annually, the F.B.I. publishes a comparative report of crime rate statistics within the State of California. The information for the report is based on figures compiled by the California Department of Justice. For purposes of this report the State is broken into sixteen geographical areas. The boundaries of Ventura County form one of these areas. In 1979 this report indicated that Ventura County had the lowest crime rate in the State for indexable crimes. These are shown below. Figures for 1980 show an additional six percent reduction. Based on these figures, we anticipate having, for the second year in a row, the lowest crime rate in the State. Considering the drastic population increases in Ventura County during the last several years, these figures certainly reflect favorably on every member of this Department.

VENTURA COUNTY SHERIFF
RECORDS BUREAU
STATISTICAL UNIT

COMPARISON OF
REPORTED CRIME
12 Months

DATE: January 1979 thru December 1979
January 1980 thru December 1980

CRIME INDEX OFFENSES	WEST COUNTY			CAMARILLO			OJAI		
	1979	1980	+ % − %	1979	1980	+ % − %	1979	1980	+ % − %
Total	2600	2579	− 1%	1371	1366	− 3%	315	286	− 9%
Violent	490	480	− 2%	161	184	+14%	39	38	− 3%
Property	2110	2099	− 1%	1210	1182	− 2%	276	248	− 10%
HOMICIDE	16	9	−44%	1	2	+100%	2		
FORCIBLE RAPE	26	34	+31%	3	5	+ 67%	3	2	− 33%
ROBBERY	48	42	−31%	26	19	− 27%	1	4	+300%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	152	157	+ 3%	45	58	+ 29%	6	6	−0−
Other Assault	248	238	− 4%	86	100	+ 16%	27	26	− 4%
BURGLARY									
Residential	657	658	−0−	266	272	2%	36	42	+ 17%
Other	277	290	+ 5%	142	142	−0−	48	25	− 48%
Vehicle	220	193	−12%	119	118	− 1%	5	7	+ 40%
GRAND THEFT	311	410	+32%	138	150	+ 9%	47	45	− 4%
PETTY THEFT	470	339	−28%	465	393	− 15%	130	99	− 24%
AUTO THEFT	127	170	+34%	71	90	+ 27%	10	27	+170%
ARSON	48	39	−19%	9	17	+ 89%		2	

VENTURA COUNTY SHERIFF
RECORDS BUREAU
STATISTICAL UNIT

COMPARISON OF
REPORTED CRIME
12 Months

DATE: January 1979 thru December 1979
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CRIME INDEX OFFENSES	EAST VALLEY			THOUSAND OAKS			TOTAL SHERIFF'S JURISDICTION		
	1979	1980	+ % − %	1979	1980	+ % − %	1979	1980	+ % − %
Total	921	848	− 8%	3518	3083	−12%	8725	8162	− 6%
Violent	131	136	+ 4%	352	389	+11%	1173	1227	+ 5%
Property	790	712	−10%	3166	2694	−15%	7552	6935	− 8%
HOMICIDE	1				1		20	12	−40%
FORCIBLE RAPE	7	6	−14%	17	22	+ 29%	56	69	+ 23%
ROBBERY	12	8	−33%	45	49	+ 9%	132	122	− 8%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	31	40	+29%	64	85	+ 33%	298	346	+16%
Other Assault	80	82	+ 3%	226	232	+ 3%	667	678	+ 2%
BURGLARY									
Residential	277	242	−13%	751	605	−19%	1987	1819	− 8%
Other	104	96	− 8%	417	338	−19%	988	891	−10%
Vehicle	55	43	−22%	259	215	−17%	658	576	−12%
GRAND THEFT	100	106	+ 6%	356	426	+20%	952	1137	+19%
PETTY THEFT	180	156	−13%	1074	811	−24%	2319	1798	−22%
AUTO THEFT	62	60	− 3%	292	268	− 8%	562	615	+ 9%
ARSON	12	9	−25%	17	31	+82%	86	99	+15%

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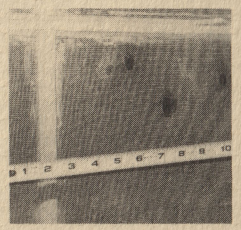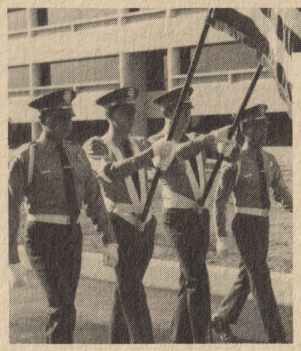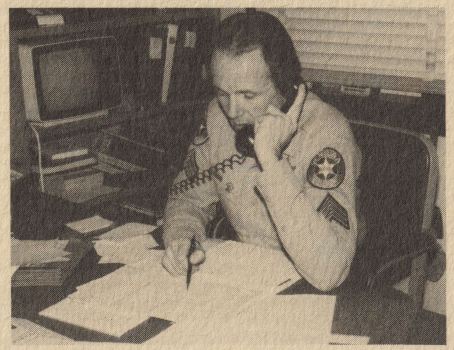
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